--- 1/14th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 155 x 15 mm. ---

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/14th pound black strip as follows:

RP-640 - 1/14th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 155 x 15 mm. - ***4½ mm. red controls***
RP-641 - 1/14th pound, black, perforated 12, on vertical mesh wove, 155 x 15 mm. - ***4½ mm. red controls***

RP-642 - 1/14th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 155 x 15 mm. - ***4½ mm. violet controls***
RP-643 - 1/14th pound, black, *imperforate*, on horizontal mesh wove, 155 x 15 mm. - ***4½ mm. violet controls***

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RP-642** - the *coarse roulette* with ***violet control*** numbering. **WANTED!**

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

--- 1/14th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 155 x 15 mm. ---

--- *Recess printed* in black ink - with *dark tablets* - 4½ mm. *red controls* - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- RP-641 - *perforated 12* - on *vertical mesh* wove - 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

The catalogue lists this “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/14th pound black strip as follows:

RP-641 - 1/14th pound, black, perforated 12, on vertical mesh wove, 155 x 15 mm. - ***4½ mm. red controls***

The 155 mm. *horizontal mesh* production copies were being printed by rotary press. The use of *vertical mesh* paper for this early 153 mm. copy indicates that it was printed by hand press.

RP-641 - 1/14th pound, perforated 12, on *vertical mesh* wove, control number **078600**,
With an unreadable violet roller cancellation

078600★ RP-641 1/14th pound, *perforated 12*, rollered **2-8** by “B. Houde Tobacco”

--- 1/14th Pound - "Series of 1897" - 155 x 15 mm. ---

--- *Recess printed* in black ink - with *dark tablets* - 4½ mm. *red controls* - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- RP-640 - *coarse roulette* - on *horizontal mesh* wove - 23 mm. imprint "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA" **---**

The catalogue lists the "Series of 1897" recess printed 1/14th pound black strip as follows:

RP-640 - 1/14th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 155 x 15 mm. - ***4½ mm. red controls***

RP-640 - 1/14th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, control number **694251**,
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 2-8** by "B. Houde Tobacco", Quebec City

111623	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
112318	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
112610	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
149934	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
244256	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
245027	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
455266	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
466975	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
489592	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
619833	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
621688	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
623597	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
657107	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
657221	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
668191	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
668684	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
669118	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
694251 ★	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
694299	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
721374	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **6-8** by Rock City Tobacco
818389	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
822963	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, with an unreadable rose roller
1656748	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **2-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
3036173	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **9-17** by F.X. Maille
3036222 ★	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **9-17** by F.X. Maille
3036234 ★	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **9-17** by F.X. Maille
3151802	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **1-17** by W. C. Macdonald
3213808	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-17** by Vital Bronner
5040863	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **10-17** by Vital Bronner
5227878 ★	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **7-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
5663122 ★	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, an unreadable roller cancellation
6122600	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **7-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
6475362	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **6-8** by Rock City Tobacco
6536617	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, with an unreadable violet roller
6964446	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **7-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
7129082	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **7-8** by B. Houde Tobacco
8545134	RP-640	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **7-8** by B. Houde Tobacco

--- 1/14th pound black die proof - “CANADA-F-78” ---

RP-640 DP - 1/14th Pound Tobacco, black die proof “CANADA - F - 78” on heavy wove paper

--- 1/14th pound black plate proof ---

RP-640 PP - 1/14th pound, *black plate proof*, mounted on thin cardboard

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RP-640n - 1/14th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal* mesh wove, without control numbering

RP-640n - 1/14th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal* mesh wove, without control numbering
Stamped **Registered** and **CANCELLED** in violet ink

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of the 1/14th pound *coarse roulette* “Series of 1897” strip stamped ***Sample*** in violet ink. **WANTED!**

--- 1/14th Pound - "Series of 1897" - 155 x 15 mm. ---

--- Recess printed in black ink - *with white tablets* - *4½ mm. violet controls* - scanned at 100% scale ---

--- on *horizontal mesh* wove - 23 mm. imprint "AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA" **---**

The catalogue lists these "Series of 1897" recess printed 1/14th pound black strips as follows:

RP-642 - 1/14th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 155 x 15 mm. - ***4½ mm. violet controls***
RP-643 - 1/14th pound, black, *imperforate*, on horizontal mesh wove, 155 x 15 mm. - ***4½ mm. violet controls***

RP-642 - 1/14th pound, ***white tablets***, ***coarse roulette***, on *horizontal mesh* wove, control number **8199446**, cancelled **6-17 / TOBACCO / 2 1918** by "Imperial Tobacco", Montreal, in February 1918

7742939	01/18	RP-642	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, stamped **TOBACCO / 1 - 1918**
7742949	02/18	RP-642	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, stamped **TOBACCO / 2 - 1918**
8199446★	02/18	RP-642	1/14th pound, coarse roulette, stamped **6-17 / TOBACCO / 2 1918**

The ***red company cancellations*** last used in 1914 have been re-introduced - probably switching to black ink when the Budget of 1918 increased the excise duty on manufactured tobacco from 10¢ to 20¢ per pound.

RP-643 - 1/14th pound, ***white tablets***, ***imperforate***, on *horizontal mesh* wove, with control number **0722057**, Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-30** by "J. E. Tuckett Tobacco", Hamilton, Ontario

0722057★	RP-643	1/14th pound, *imperforate*, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-30**
3458199	RP-643	1/14th pound, *imperforate*, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1-30**

The above listed copies of the *imperforate* ***white tablet*** 1/14th pound black strips are undoubtedly part of the preceding *coarse roulette* control number run. I have listed them separately simply to highlight the existence of the imperforate strip.

There was more than a single sequential run in the control numbers over this time period, the use of the above white tablet "**Series of 1897**" occurred ***after*** the white tablet "Series of 1915" had been used in production. There is an overlap here with the *imperforate* "**Series of 1915**" with purple control numbers from June 1915 - **2027144** until October 1920 - **2465953**.

The excise duty on manufactured tobacco increased from the 1914 rate of 10¢ per pound, to 20¢ per pound in 1918. It is only speculation on my part, but the re-introduction of the ***white tablet***, "Series of 1897" appears to have begun in 1918 - was this by design, or by coincidence?

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